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LETTER SENT BY COLONEL BOYCE IS INTRODUCED

Offered by Prosecution of Sneed as Strongest Link in Evidence

WRITTEN TO CHICAGOAN

HOPE WAS EXPRESSED THEREIN THAT YOUNGER BOYCE AND MRS. SNEED MIGHT BE FOREVER SEPARATED.

MISS HAMILTON HEARD

Importance Attached to Testimony of Mrs. A. G. Boyce, Sr., Who Will Take Witness Stand Monday—Arguments Thursday.

Special to Daily News.

Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 17.—A letter written by Col. A. G. Boyce to George Findley of Chicago just eight days before he was killed expressing the hope that his son Albert and Mrs. Lena Sneed might be kept forever apart and asking aid of friends to that end, was introduced by the prosecutors of John Neal Sneed this afternoon as the strongest link in the chain of testimony rebutting the defense charge that Col. Boyce was seeking to reunite the two.

The letter was written after Mrs. Sneed had been reclaimed by her husband, and while Albert G. Boyce, Jr., was still detained by the Canadian Immigration Bureau. Col. Boyce in this remarkable letter asked his friend Findley to enlist the aid of the Farwells and Judge Tenney in having Secretary Knox and President Taft use their influence in having his son liberated. He told of the indictment in Fort Worth, declaring that every count was untrue.

Bitterness toward Mrs. Sneed is expressed in the sentence: "She is no more insane than I am. She is mean as the devil and smart as a whip," and toward United States District Attorney Atwell, whose "active part in the affair" he charged to his relationship by marriage to Mrs. Sneed.

A father's loyalty is shown in his declaration that his friends could assure the Canadian authorities that Albert would "make them a good citizen," and a husband's solicitude in the statement that "Mrs. Boyce is wholly unnerfed and refuses to be comforted."

The letter was followed by the testimony of Miss Mary Hamilton, who has made her home with the Boyces since 1905. She testified that Capt. Boyce's aim through the whole affair was to break up the affair between his son and Mrs. Sneed.

Mrs. A. G. Boyce, widow of the slain man, will take the stand Monday in further refutation of the conspiracy charges against her dead husband. A woman of active mind, in spite of her feeble health, she is expected to make an effective witness for the prosecution. The state will present other witnesses for the purpose of impeaching defense witness on the stand last week and will likely rest Monday night.

Attorney Cone Johnson of counsel for the defense said Saturday afternoon at the close of the session that two days would be required for the defense's witnesses as sur-rebuttal, that is, rebuttal of the state's rebuttal witnesses. This will carry the case to Wednesday night. The defense sur-rebuttal testimony may be of a character that will entitle the state to rejoinder witnesses. In any event the arguments of the attorneys will not begin before Thursday and will require at least two days and in all probability the court's chance to the jury will not be reached before Saturday.

The three weeks of the trial already passed have sharply defined the contested issues in the case. Every inch of the ground has been the scene of a legal skirmish, and no witness who has been on the stand has escaped without a searching cross-examination.

Miss Mary Hamilton, cousin and companion of Mrs. A. G. Boyce, was on the stand this afternoon. She said that she overheard Mrs. Boyce converse with Mrs. Lena Sneed just before the elopement and that Mrs. Boyce said to her, "Oh, Lena, I didn't think it would ever come to this, although I knew you were imprudent. What will Beal think?"

Henry Boyce, son of Capt. Boyce, was on the stand most of all today and proved a strong witness for the

CHAMP CLARK LEADS OKLAHOMA DELEGATES

By Associated Press.
Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 16.—Forty of seventy-six Democratic county conventions held in Oklahoma today to select delegates to the state convention, show 189 of 256 instructed to vote for Champ Clark as the presidential nominee, with 136 for Woodrow Wilson, and 31 in Oklahoma County uninstructed.

SLY SLEUTHING BY GOVERNMENT

Used Phonographic Device to Record Conversation of Ironworkers

By Associated Press.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 17.—It became known today that government officials some time ago attached a phonographic apparatus to the rear of a desk in the Ironworkers headquarters, where conversations concerning the alleged dynamite conspiracy have taken place almost daily between the Ironworkers leaders since the government investigation began.

The government today decided that there was no further need of such an apparatus in the Ironworkers headquarters and in the presence of Herbert S. Hocking, secretary-treasurer of the Ironworkers' government officials removed the instrument by means of which two stenographers in a room below copied the conversations between Ryan, Hocking and others.

The Ironworkers officials say that they had suspected that the telephone wires in their offices had been tapped, but had no idea that there was a phonographic apparatus under the very desk at which they worked day by day.

Attorneys for the government say that they obtained much valuable testimony from the Ironworkers leaders through the use of the device.

Secretary Hocking said today: "They are welcome to anything I have said."

President Ryan made no comment.

CIVIL WAR CLAIMS APPROVED IN HOUSE

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—Civil war claims, aggregating \$1,550,000, were approved today by the House through the passage of the Omnibus claims bill, presented by the war claim committee.

Giants Off For the South

By Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 17.—An initial push was given the baseball season with the departure last evening of a bevy of Giant recruits for St. Louis en route to the South. Only a few of the players began the trip here, the majority joining the party at St. Louis today and by the time Texas is reached it is expected that nearly the entire list of players reserved by the club will be on duty. The warm-up practice will be conducted at Marlin Springs. After leaving there a series of exhibition games will be played through the South, the team working its way northward in time for the beginning of the season in April.

B'nai B'rith at Los Angeles

By Associated Press.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 16.—The brethren who stand high in their communities as citizens and men of affairs are arriving in this city to attend the district convention of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith, the most prominent of all the Jewish fraternal and charitable organizations in the world.

state. Throughout his testimony he frankly admitted doing all in his power to help his brother Albert and Mrs. Lena Sneed keep together, but he said this was after the elopement and that his father had no hand in the affair. Boyce declared that while Mrs. Sneed was in Arlington Heights sanitarium here she wrote to Albert in Amarillo, "For God's sake, come and get me out of this hole."

It was this letter that decided Albert to rescue her from the hospital and escape. The witness declared that his brother was accounted one of the most expert shots in the Panhandle, a country of expert western shots and that he knew, if Paul Sneed and Albert met, one of them would be killed.

ACQUITTAL FOR MRS. STREIGHT

Woman Charged with Murder of Husband Given Freedom by Jury

LIFE SENTENCE BEFORE

CASE WAS ONE OF MANY SENSATIONAL FEATURES AND OCCASIONED STATE-WIDE INTEREST.

Special to Daily News.

Gatesville, Tex., Feb. 17.—Mrs. Minnie Lee Streight, charged with the murder of her husband, after having been previously tried and given a life sentence, was this morning given her freedom by a jury in the district court.

The verdict for acquittal came with the first ballot after a trial lasting nine days. Before the verdict was read this morning the judge warned the spectators who crowded the room against any demonstrations.

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YUAN EAGER TO FORFEIT HONOR

Urges Elevation of Dr. Sun to Presidency in His Stead

HAS ACCOMPLISHED DUTY

DECLARES HE IS UNABLE TO CONTROL INVOLVED SITUATION AND THAT HIS HEALTH IS NOT GOOD.

By Associated Press.

Shanghai, Feb. 17.—President Yuan Shi Kai telegraphed today to Nanking, requesting the war minister of the republican cabinet to dispatch troops to quell the disturbance in Manchuria, and also telegraphed the minister of justice and his representatives, urging them to endeavor to secure the election of Sun Yat Sen as president of the republic in his place. The dispatch said:

"I am unable to control the involved situation in China, and am suffering from impaired health. Now that the aims of the republicans have been attained, I have accomplished my duty. The post of president of the republic would only serve to lead to my ruin. I ask your kind offices with the people of the country to elect Dr. Sun, to whom all credit should be given. I will wait here until relieved, and then return home and resume work as a husband."

Dr. Sun, when interviewed, urged that an appeal be made to foreigners to contribute to the relief of the famine sufferers of China.

BILL TO RESTORE WOMEN CITIZENSHIP

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—A bill to restore citizenship to American women who marry foreigners was introduced in the House today by Representative Kent of California. Under the law of 1907 American women who marry foreigners assume the nationality of their husbands.

The Kent bill would amend the law so that in states which granted equal ballot women might not be prevented from voting.

JOHNSON-FLYNN FORFEIT POSTED

Twenty Thousand Dollars in Currency Put Up by Fighters

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 17.—Jack Johnson, champion pugilist, Jim Flynn and Jack Curley today posted \$20,000 in certified checks and currency with Al Teaney as forfeit money for the world's heavyweight fight.

The time and place for the bout was unannounced. Curley intimated that he would not decide the place until May 1.

WELSH-BRITTON BOUT IN ELEROO CALLED OFF

By Associated Press.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 16.—The twenty-round battle between Freddie Welsh and Jack Britton, lightweights, which was scheduled for February 20 here, was called off today. An old injury to Welsh's back incapacitated him. He may be out of the fighting for two years, friends announce.

Diamond Celebrities to Shine

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 17.—Many well known baseball celebrities are scheduled to attend the annual banquet of the Philadelphia Sporting Writers' Association, which is to be given Monday night at the hotel Walden. Governor John K. Tener of Pennsylvania, who was a star player with several of the big league teams before he abandoned the baseball diamond for the arena of politics, will be the guest of honor. Among the other guests of the evening will be Garry Herrman of Cincinnati, "Kid" Gleason, the old Philadelphia player who is to be assistant manager of the Chicago White Sox next season; John M. Ward, who has acquired the Boston Nationals; Harry Wainwright, the new manager of the New York Highlanders; James McAleer, the new president of the Boston Americans; Charles Ebbetts of the Brooklyn club and "Tony" Hartzel, the old Philadelphia American player who has signed to pilot the Toledo club this year.

PEOPLE CONTROL DECLARES HARMON

By Associated Press.

Columbus, O., Feb. 17.—Declaring that under the present representative form of government the people are just as much their own masters as they would be under the initiative and referendum, Governor Judson Harmon of Ohio here tonight quoted Thomas Jefferson as authority for this statement.

AVIATION FIELD BLOOD BAPTIZED

Number Injured at Oakland Meet When Fog Envelops Fliers

By Associated Press.

Oakland, Cal., Feb. 17.—The opening of the aviation meet at Emeryville race track here today was a field baptized in blood.

William H. Hoff of San Francisco, one of several who fell to the earth under a wrecked machine, lies near death in a local hospital.

Phil O. Parmelee, Glenn Martie, Horace Kearney and Hilbert Beach, were driven to the ground, but fell luckily and were not seriously hurt.

The fliers were caught in a dense fog which was swept over the field by a sudden high wind.

Hoff's nose was broken, his pelvic bone fractured, face mashed to pulp, and he was also internally injured.

Farnum Fish, youngest of the aviators, was lost in the fog but took a chance and landed between San Francisco and San Pablo Bay on a narrow neck of ground. The spectators thought that he had been carried out to sea.

PLAINVIEW ELKS ADD NEW MEMBERS

Special to Daily News.

Plainview, Tex., Feb. 17.—Immediately preceding the annual banquet of Plainview Lodge No. 1175, B. P. O. E., yesterday evening the following candidates were initiated: Mark Merrill and H. H. Hurt of Lubbock; C. C. Cheborno of Crosbyton, and A. H. Thompson and Z. E. Black of Plainview. The banquet in the Ware hotel cafe began at 9:30 and covers were laid for one hundred and fifty. Ladies were present and several out-of-town Elks. Courses and discourses were intermingled until midnight. Toastmaster E. H. Perry, Dr. J. H. Anderson, Judge L. S. Kinder, Mayor Jas. R. DeLay and O. M. Unzer of Plainview, and H. H. Harrington of Amarillo, and C. C. Cheborno of Crosbyton making addresses on responding to toasts Mrs. L. A. Knight read a paper entitled, "Our Interest in the Elks' Home."

The Powers' Orchestra furnished music throughout the program, which included a dance after the tables had been cleared away. Several of the addresses bore on the subject of an Elks' home in Plainview, and it is reported that arrangements have been practically completed for the erection of this building, sometime during the present year, at a cost of approximately \$25,000. The local B. P. O. E. lodge is young but vigorous, and has an active membership of about 120.

Vanderbilt-Weir Wedding

New York, Feb. 17.—A wedding of interest in New York society today was that of Miss Madelon Weir, daughter of the late Levi C. Weir, who was president of the Adams Express company at the time of his death, and Oliver De Gray Vanderbilt, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver De Gray Vanderbilt of Orange, N. J. The ceremony was performed in the fashionable St. Thomas church this afternoon and was followed by a large reception at the home of the bride's mother in East Fifty-second street.

The WEATHER

Local Forecast.
Fair Sunday.
Yesterday's temperature:
At 7 a. m. 55 At 7 p. m. 51
Maximum 62 Minimum 32
1911 Max 56 Min 11 Mr.

Washington Forecast.
Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—For West Texas: Fair Sunday and Monday. Moderate temperature.

TORREON FEARS REBEL ASSAULT

Refugee at San Antonio Declares Attack May Occur Today

AGUILAR HEADING TROOPS

FEELING AGAINST AMERICANS IN THREATENED CITY BITTER AND MANY ARE INSULTED OPENLY ON STREETS.

Special to Daily News.

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 17.—Torreón will be attacked by a force of 9,000 rebels tomorrow if the avowed intentions of Aguilar, who was in command of a force of 450 insurgents that held up a train bearing 244 refugees, is carried out, says E. F. Arrey of Torreón, a member of a party from Mexico that reached San Antonio yesterday.

Arrey said he believes the town will be sacked and burned. Arrey said that he himself had talked with the commander of rebels, whom he quoted as having declared that Wednesday's train was the last that would be permitted to leave Torreón.

"The Mexicans seemed to know exactly what they were about," said Arrey. "Their leader knew just how many Federals there were in the city. While he had with him only 450 men, he claimed to have 1,900 all told, within striking distance of Torreón, and that when the forces were massed for the attack 9,000 would sweep down upon the city. Aguilar's statement that he would attack Torreón within five days was made Wednesday morning, so that, if his purpose is executed, the battle may take place Sunday."

"If any more Americans get out," the rebel leader is reported as having declared, "they will have to walk, for this is absolutely the last train that will be permitted to pass."

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